IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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SENORX, INC.,)
Plaintiff,)
VS.	No. CGC 04-435849
COUDERT BROTHERS, LLP, and DOES 1-500,)))
Defendants.)))

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- 1 mean -- excuse me, not Patricia. Priscilla Marks. She
- 2 was assigned locationwise to Palo Alto, but she actually
- 3 worked out of her home.
- 4 (Reporter interruption.)
- 5 THE WITNESS: Then there was also Don Bartels.
- 6 He had an office in San Francisco and Palo Alto.
- 7 MS. WEISS: Q. Okay. Who was the supervising
- 8 attorney of the San Francisco office when you worked for
- 9 Coudert?
- 10 A. There were many supervising attorneys in the
- 11 San Francisco office.
- 12 Q. Can you name the supervising attorneys in the
- 13 San Francisco office?
- MR. DENISTON: I'm going to object. Vague and
- 15 ambiguous as to the meaning of "supervising attorneys."
- MS. WEISS: Q. What do you understand me to
- 17 mean by the term, supervising attorneys?
- 18 A. Someone who was in a position to delegate and
- 19 give guidance to.
- Q. Okay. Can you recall who were the supervising
- 21 attorneys in the San Francisco office of Coudert when
- 22 you worked there?
- A. I do recall the supervising attorneys. Do you
- 24 want me to answer in terms of IP or San Francisco
- 25 office?

- 1 Q. IP. Well, let's start with IP.
- 2 A. All right. Edward Lynch. Don Bartels.
- 3 David Schnaff. I don't recall some of the names. But I
- 4 would say the associates are also supervising attorneys
- 5 because they would supervise perhaps a secretary or
- 6 legal assistant or paralegals. So there would be
- 7 Steve Vosen. Jim Drapinski, he's another IP attorney.
- 8 His name just came to my mind.
- 9 MR. DENISTON: What was his first name?
- 10 THE WITNESS: Jim Drapinski. Sheldon Lee.
- 11 There were others. I just don't recall their names.
- MS. WEISS: Q. And was there one managing
- 13 partner or one attorney or several attorneys in charge
- 14 of the whole of the office?
- 15 A. If you're asking me in relation to the IP
- 16 group, yes, there was.
- 17 Q. Who was that?
- 18 A. Don Bartels.
- 19 Q. And what about in relation to the attorneys
- 20 who worked in the San Francisco office?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Who was that?
- A. When I was first employed there it was
- 24 Victoria Briant. She was the managing partner.
- Q. And then who became the managing partner?

- 1 A. Rob Christopher.
- Q. And who was Mr. Hebert?
- 3 A. He was comanaging partner at a later date.
- 4 Q. And in 2003 who were the managing partners?
- 5 A. It was Bill Hebert and -- and there goes my
- 6 memory with the name. Another attorney from the --
- 7 located in the Palo Alto office.
- 8 Q. Was that Mr. Michaelson?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And in 2003 was Don Bartels still the
- 11 supervising attorney of the IP department?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. What about in Palo Alto? Was there a
- 14 supervising attorney there that you were aware of of the
- 15 IP department?
- 16 A. Don Bartels was the IP group head for
- 17 Northern California which consisted of San Francisco and
- 18 Palo Alto.
- 19 Q. All right. And if you know the answer to my
- 20 next question -- let me preface it.
- The SenoRx account, was that assigned to a
- 22 particular office? Like the San Francisco office or the
- 23 Palo Alto office? Both offices? How was that client
- 24 assigned, if you know?
- 25 MR. DENISTON: Objection. No foundation.

- 1 THE WITNESS: It wasn't assigned. I believe
- 2 when Edward Lynch joined Coudert he brought the client
- 3 with him.
- 4 MS. WEISS: Q. Were the SenoRx files
- 5 maintained -- by that, I mean physically kept -- in the
- 6 San Francisco office?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Did any of the IP attorneys in the Palo Alto
- 9 office work on the SenoRx files?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Who worked on the SenoRx files from the
- 12 Palo Alto office?
- 13 A. James Fox.
- 14 Q. Was he an attorney?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. Anyone else?
- 17 A. Probably the secretary.
- 18 Q. Who was that?
- 19 A. Nita Miller.
- Q. Did Mr. Bartels work on any of the SenoRx
- 21 files?
- A. Not to my knowledge.
- Q. And who worked on the SenoRx files in the
- 24 San Francisco office?
- 25 A. Edward Lynch. Perhaps his secretary,

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- 4 the San Francisco office?
- 5 A. Yes.

- 6 Q. Could you provide their names, please.
- 7 A. It was Jordan Wilson and then later it was
- 8 Tara Faenza.
- 9 Q. And what did Jordan Wilson do?
- 10 A. She worked on the foreign prosecution files
- 11 for SenoRx.
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- 13 as far as you know?
- 14 A. Yes.
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